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COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTÉ DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNIZED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, \$3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, \$800,000.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.
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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
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Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCHANTILE BANK
OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
6 " 4 per cent. "
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H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 21, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
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THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
6 " 4 per cent. "
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Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

Registered in London under the Company's Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

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All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE PERFORMANCE OF
"THE SORCERER"

will be Repeated

On THURSDAY EVENING,
5th Feb., 1880, at Nine o'Clock.

Tickets of Admission, Price \$2 each, may be had of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after TUESDAY, 3rd February.

For the Committee,
R. LYALL.

Hongkong, January 31, 1880.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

M. R. W. DETMERS has been authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuratum.

RÄDECKER & Co.

Hongkong, January 31, 1880.

NOTICE.

With Reference to the above, we have

THE DAY Admitted Mr. JACOB ELIAS SAISON and Mr. SAISON JACOB DAVID as PARTNERS in our Firms in BOMBAY and CHINA.

E. D. SASOON & Co.

Bombay, 1st January, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED by me in BOMBAY, both independently of, and connection with, the Firms of Messrs E. D. SASOON & Co. of CHINA, will from this Date, be Carried on under the Style or Firm of E. D. SASOON & Co.

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NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of

M. LEONHARD STAHL in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. F. C. DITTMERT is authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuratum.

HESSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undesigned have been appointed AGENTS to the New York Board of UNDERWRITERS.

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For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BEG to announce that they have added to their Business A PIANO TUNING and REPAIRING DEPARTMENT, under the Superintendence of Mr. DOUGLAS DALE, who has been sent to them by Messrs JOHN BROADWOOD & Sons of London; they are now prepared to receive Orders which shall be carefully and efficiently attended to.

THE FOLLOWING ARE FOR SALE, EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DRAB SHELL HATS for the RACES. Waterproof COATS.

Automobile UMBRELLAS. Turkish TOWELS.

Bath BLANKETS. Persian MEERSCHAUM PIPES.

French KID GLOVES, 2 Buttons. Corp's Golden Cloud TOBACCO.

BIRD'S EYE and Gold Leaf TOBACCO.

Jefferson, Tennis, BATS, BALLS and PRESSES.

Playing CARDS. Whist MARKERS. Electro-plated TELESCOPES.

Carriage LAMPS. Billiard BALLS.

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The New Spring MATTRESSES. Coir DOOR MATS.

Spirit FLASKS. Household SCALES.

Merino and Cashmere SOCKS and UNDERSHIRTS.

Royal Irish Constabulary REVOLVERS.

Foster's Celebrated Bottled ALE and STOUT.

SACCOME'S SHERRIES.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

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For Sale.

To Let.

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FOREIGN HOUSES, containing Six Rooms and Out-Houses; also, CHINESE SHOPS and HOUSES in the Chinese Road.

Two Handsome Massive SILVER CENTRE PIECES and One SILVER SALVER, now on view at Messrs G. FALCONER & Co., from whom Particulars of Price, &c., can be obtained. The same will be sold a BARGAIN.

LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, January 26, 188

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Hennery should really not forget that he is human, after all, and that even his wisdom has a limit. It is extremely possible—what is impossible in the delusions which rules Hong Kong in these latter days—that the Executive Council and the community might be wrong, and the Governor right. But the chances are, unfortunately, against such a charitable supposition.

ALTHOUGH it cannot be denied that there are numerous restless or wavering tribes, the latest intelligence from Cabul is satisfactory. Matters seem to have, on the whole, quieted down. True, another fifteen men have been hanged, but they are those who have been proved to have attacked the Residency, and one of them confesses to having cut down Mr Jenkins. No voice can be raised against this retribution. There is no element of revenge in it, but the simple enforcement of justice which the circumstances of the case called for. All the other prisoners have been released—a step the wisdom of which may perhaps be doubted. Men of the stamp of these cowardly thieves do not understand the quality of mercy; they are more likely to take what has just been done as an expression of weakness on our part, or timidity; and if they come to believe that we are loosening the iron grip we should have on them, there will yet be more British blood spilt in the City. This relaxation of our treatment of them does not only amount to pardon, but the proclamation which we give in another column, draws their attention to the generosity and forbearance shown by the British Government in not punishing them more severely, whilst thanking those Sirdars who took no part in the rising. Again, we say great care should be taken as to giving rise to any idea, in the minds of those who have been prisoners, that we set them free through any fear of the results of the stern pursuit of our policy. The nature of the task before us now changes, according to Lord Lytton, who, in an address delivered on January 1st, said,—

"But it is not sufficient that its Afghan neighbours should recognize the power of this Empire. It will be a longer, a more difficult, a more trying, but not I hope, an impossible undertaking, to insure their eventual recognition also of its generosity and justice. The old year's task of retribution, thank God, is over, and in Afghanistan our new-year's task will be, I trust, mainly one of re-assurance and reconciliation."

How the Viceroy intends to win this race of men over to "Sweetness, Culture and Light" we certainly have not the faintest idea. Our distinct impression is that while it is satisfactory to know that General Roberts' men have not suffered that severe loss, probably annihilation, which was in store for them had not General Gough succeeded in reaching them, we are not a step nearer to a solution of the Afghan difficulty than we were two years ago. Leaders in the field, the Vice-roy, and the Secretary of State seem all of different minds. Meantime we drift on to huge expense and approach a state of demoralized forces and chaotic schemes. Something must be done at once. If we are to be satisfied with Kandahar and Cabul, and leave Herat out of our calculations, our forces at these places must be greatly strengthened, and of the slightest preparation for this we hear not a single word. Only the usual drafts are leaving England, and the seasons go round and this great war that was to save India to us by establishing a scientific frontier and putting the Afghan house in order proves a colossal failure. Is England to act in accordance with the spirit of England, or are we, at the word of the Beaconsfield Cabinet and Lord Lytton's Council, to be made the laughing-stock of the world by securing once again "Peace with Honour"?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected to arrive on or about the 17th or 18th inst. She brings San Francisco dates up to Jan. 17.

The next EAST ASIAN MAIL may be expected here on or about the 9th inst. Monday next, by the P. & O. steamer *Thibet*, which brings London dates up to the 2nd January.

The Thibet, the new flagship of the French squadron in China and Japan, arrived at Singapore on the 20th ult.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 11.25 this morning. The mail was landed at 10.20.

We are informed that the S. S. *Kemure Castle*, from London, left Singapore on 24th ultime for Hongkong.

H.M.S. *Midge*, 4, Commander H. Salmon, went alongside the jetty this morning and landed her guns for examination and repair.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the S. S. *Glenlyon* left Singapore for this port on Thursday, the 29th ultime.

Dep. Surgeon General R. Gilborne, A.M.D., has been appointed Principal Medical

Officer of the Eastern District, Colchester, on his return from a tour of service in China.

We are informed by the P. & O. Superintendent that the *Thibet*, with the next English Mail, left Singapore at 5 p.m. yesterday. She brings London dates to the 2nd January.

We would call attention to the notification issued by the Registrar of the Supreme Court that a copy of the Jury List for 1880 is posted at the Supreme Court House for final revision.

ALTHOUGH no official information is to hand by the present mail of the appointment of Colonial Chaplain, it has come to hand through private channels that the Rev. W. J. Jennings, curate of Westgate, Manchester, has accepted the appointment. We understand that Bishop Burdon has resigned the Acting Colonial Chaplaincy in favour of the Rev. W. L. Grove, B.A., chaplain to the Bishop.

A TELEGRAM has been received here notifying the arrival of H.M.S. *Tyne* at Singapore at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and she will therefore probably reach Hongkong about the 15th instant. She has on board drafts for the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers (Staff), and 27th Regiment.

A SPECIAL Session of the Justices of the Peace was held at the Magistracy this morning to consider an application from Mr Christian Friedrich Peterson, for a Spirit Licence for the German Tavern, No. 224, Queen's Road Central, when the following Justices were present: C. V. Creagh, Esq.; the Hon. M. S. Tonnochy, and W. M. Deane, Esq. The application was granted.

The letter of "A Probable Shareholder" is held over, as the statements it contains are of a nature which call for independent inquiry. We shall not hesitate to ventilate the questions raised, but in such matters of business absolute certainty and correctness are essential to fair and safe comment. A public company is clearly open to animadversion—when good cause is shown for such a course.

The obituary by the mail contains the names of Major General Scudamore, General John Low and Sergeant Parry—Admiral Sir Joseph Nias, K.C.B., one of the survivors of Parry's Arctic expedition, and a veteran of Navarino, died on the 16th December last, at his residence, 26 Montagu Square, aged eighty-two. The deceased officer commanded the *Herald* during the first China war, when he was warmly mentioned for the able conduct he displayed in the action with the Bogue Forts, in the action below the Whampoa Reach, and in the operations against Canton. His services in China were rewarded with the C. B.

By the next French Mail steamer from home Mr and Mrs Lowcock and Mr E. Deacon are booked for this port. For Shanghai at the same opportunity we note the names of Mr C. Krebs and Mr T. Fairhurst. Also, for Yokohama: Mr and Mrs Geo. Lewis, Dr Diesel, Mr Sorb, Mr and Mrs Austin.

By the Marseilles steamer of Feb. 8, Messrs Simonet, Keitzel, Wanzl, and Dupuis are booked for Shanghai; and the Revs. Messrs Lissen and Marrow for Hongkong. Same route on March 7, Mr and Mrs Welch and child leave for Shanghai.

The P. & O. bookings are as follow:—To Hongkong (Dec. 25) Major J. A. Papillon and W. R. Carles; (Jan. 3) Messrs F. E. Cameron and F. Henderson; (Jan. 8) Mr Ingles; (Jan. 22) Lieut. Bellamy. To Shanghai (Jan. 5) Dr Henderson, Mr R. Duman, Mr C. S. Goodwin; (Jan. 8) Mrs. Hart, two daughters and son. To Yokohama (Jan. 8) Mrs Watt and three children.

A PARAGRAPH in the *Times* corroborates the interpretation we put upon a telegram we published several weeks ago:—"After the 1st of January next the whole of the Indian mails will be conveyed, outwards and homewards, through France, instead of one part being despatched, as at present, via Southampton and Gibraltar. The importance of these mails may be estimated from the fact that the total weight of the weekly matter despatched from, as well as that received in, London amounts to considerably over 3,000 lbs. of letters and 25,000 lbs. of bookpackets, newspapers, &c. Though generally known as the "Indian mails," these enormous postal cargoes occasionally include matter to and from China, Japan, and Australia, though the regular mails to and from those countries about once a fortnight swell the volume of correspondence to more than twice as much as is represented by the above figures. On the very moderate estimate, however, that only one-half of the amount stated above is actually received from, or sent to, India, the postal communications between this country and our great Eastern dependency must involve the tranship— including both outward and homeward—mails—of no less than 70 tons of letters and 500 tons of newspapers, packers, and bookpackets every year. Taking the average weight of each letter, and each bookpacket or newspaper, gives a total of 2,496,000 lbs., or 6,200,000 papers and bookpackets.

HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the General Managers to the Shareholders, to be presented at the Eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company, to be held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.:

The General Managers beg to submit the Eighth Annual Report of the Company's working, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st Dec. 1879. They are glad to say that the result is more satisfactory than heretofore.

The Net Profit on the Working Account is £3,039.05 (over 10 per cent on the Capital of the Company), and the balance now remaining at the Credit of Profit and Loss account (including £336.95 carried forward from 1878) amounts to £3,366.50. From

this sum the General Managers recommend that £301.21 be written off Real Estate for depreciation, thus reducing that account to £21,000; that a dividend of 7½% be declared, which will absorb £2,250, to be appropriated as provided for in the Articles of Association (Art. XIII, Clause 113), and that the Balance £225.31 be carried forward to New Account.

Consulting Committee.—The Consulting Committee—Messrs T. T. Benning, E. L. Woodin, J. McLeod, A. F. Smith, and J. S. Cox, retire in accordance with the Articles of Association, but are eligible for re-election.

Auditor.—The Accounts have been audited, in the absence of Mr. T. G. Linstedt, by Mr. H. W. Davis.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
General Managers.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor the Acting Prince Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Tuesday, Feb. 3.

CW WING v. LUNG ASAY, \$105.20.—This was a claim against the keepers of a licensed brothel for goods supplied. Mr Ng Choy appeared for the plaintiff and said that the claim was not disputed; it is only a matter of time.

His Lordship thought he could not entertain a suit against a public brothel. In England it might be that a woman ordered goods to be supplied and it might not be known that she kept a brothel. Here it was different.

The case will come on again on Thursday next.

There will be no sitting of the Court next Tuesday, as it is Chinese New Year's day.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Tuesday, Feb. 3.

LARCENY OF CLOTHING.

Chueung Achuan and U Ang coolies, were charged with stealing a quantity of clothing of the value of \$6 on the 2nd instant, the property of one U Ahim, living in a joss house, Wanchai.

They were convicted of house breaking, and were sentenced the first defendant to six months' imprisonment with hard labor, and to be exposed in the stocks for six hours; and the second defendant to three months' hard labor.

The Magistrate after some conversation said that he would not deal with the case here. There was still the question as to the interpretation of the law; that was purely a question of Civil Law, with which he was not competent to deal. The question as to how far the man's belief in his right to the money would justify what he had done was a question for the jury.

Mr Ng Achoy argued that no offence was disclosed, but that brought him soon to the lease, and

The Magistrate said he had already inquired he could not go into that question.

Committed for trial; bail as before in £200. The Magistrate remarking that the bail was very small, but he had no fear of the man running away.

MASONIC BALL AT AMOY.

On Thursday evening, 22nd, the members of the sister lodges "*Ionic*" and "*Corinthian*" (Amoy) assembled in their new hall at 9 p.m. to welcome a large number of guests who had been invited to take part in a Masonic ball.

At Supper,

With a stroke of the gavel, Wor. Bro. Giles rose and said:—

Worshippers Masters, Wardens, Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen.—The toast of "*Queen* and *Craft*" which

rightly heads the list at every Masonic gathering held under the English Constitution is one usually proposed and received upon its own merits, without fear of what vice may be. You can then remain in your own comfort and safety. No harm will befall you. The British Government has no enmity towards the people. Any one who rebels again will be punished. This condition is necessary. But to all who come in without delay, and have no fear or aversion, the British Government speaks only that which is in its heart."

Jan. 13.—A large body of Mohammedans have assembled at Palos and Reika. Some 400 sail (?) crossed the river fifteen miles below Dhaka.—Moghal Khan is reported to be on the left bank of the Kabul river.

The Monks tax is abolished, and all debts prior to 1851 are to be settled by liquidation which will be subject to the sanction of the European Powers. The tribute to the Porte is the first charge on the revenue.

Bombay, Jan. 5.—Three native regiments, forming the new Bombay Brigade, will embark for the front immediately. General Durrows has given orders to go to the front upon the 2nd instant.

The 16th Regiment has received orders to go to the front upon the 6th N. I. will be sent from Mhow to relieve them at Maligum.

Attack, Jan. 4.—A military commission

was constituted by General Massy as President, Major Gordon, the 9th Foot, and Major Stewart of the 5th Punjab Cavalry, has been assembled to try the prisoners. Ten Afghans were executed at the Dec. 30 just outside Sherpur. One man was said to have been present at the attack upon the Residency and to have cut down Mr Jenkins, the Secretary to the Embassy. The others were of lesser note who took part in the previous day.

This objection the Magistrate, while making a note of it, over-ruled. He also remarked that the contents would not be evidence against the defendant. The letter called on defendant to explain his conduct no such statement as he had represented ever having been given by Mr. Wotton.

A letter sent to Ho Atim had been referred to by Mr Ng Achoy; Mr Wotton had desired to read that letter in his own re-examination and Mr Ng Achoy had objected, as the contents were not referred to by him. At this point the case was adjourned on the previous day.

This objection the Magistrate, while making a note of it, over-ruled. He also remarked that the contents would not be evidence against the defendant. The letter called on defendant to explain his conduct no such statement as he had represented ever having been given by Mr. Wotton.

Another letter was called for, one written to Ho Li Shee, the owner of the property, by Messrs Breerton and Wotton, and was produced. The woman admitted receiving some letter but could not read it and could not say it was produced. She is hardened, and besides receives sometimes many letters a day. She gave the letters to her son, who managed all her business for her.

Mr Wotton proved sending this letter on Jan. 17th.

The Magistrate pointed out that there was only the bare fact proved that a letter was sent and received. There was nothing against the person in this.

Mr Wotton is summing up, said that the case for the prosecution, as originally laid before the Court, was that the defendant did unlawfully and by certain false pretences obtain the sum of \$60 from the complainant.

The following is a corrected list of our casualties:

A dozen officers killed.—On the 11th December, Lieutenant Hardie, F.A. Royal Engineers; Lieutenant Hearsey and Ricardo, of the 14th Bengal Lancers. On the 13th December, Captain Byson, 9th Lancers, and Lieutenant Korh, 72nd Highlanders.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The *China Review*, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries as brief and as much to the point as possible.

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